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#### WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

## NOTICES

We are now open for revivals. We will go anywhere. We have our house trailer and P. A. System, and make our own music.—Evangelist and Mrs. G. R. Morris, Gen. Del., Harrodsburg, Ky.

To all parents who have boys stationed at Sheppard Field Air Base, Texas: If you will send me the name and address of your boy, I will visit him and help him any way I can.—J. T. Gilliam, 309 North Brook, Wichita Falls, Texas.

We wish to thank all the good people for their prayers and anointed cloths for our little boy Michael's healing. He has made great improvements, and we thank God for his recovery.—Rev. J. B. Holcomb and family.

If you have friends who are interested in the Church of God and who live in or near Zion, Waukegan, Rockford, Kankakee, DeKalb, Quincy or Brookport, Illinois, please inform us of their whereabouts. We plan to start, immediately, new churches in each of these localities and want to know the names of all who are concerned about the progress of the Church of God. Address all correspondence to James L. Slay, State Overseer of Illinois, 5 N. Highland Place, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

## REQUESTS

### PRAY FOR:

My mother to be healed; my brother and sisters; my unsaved husband; me to be healed of high blood pressure; my granddaddy to be healed.—Mrs. H. L. Buckner, Reidsville, N. C.

My two sons in the Army to be saved; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Stella Stamper, Farmington, Mich.

Me to be healed of arthritis.—Mr. F. B. Ward, Jonesville, Wisc.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Lyda Hicks, Chattanooga, Tenn.

## COVER PICTURE

Our front cover is twice graced in that we have both the beautiful picture of the recently completed church edifice at Douglas, Ga., and the Rev. LeRoy Carver (pastor) family. Brother Carver reports:

"The interior of the Douglas, Ga., church is possibly the most beautiful in the entire Church of God. We are proud of what God has done for us this year. The work was already started, under the direction of Charles W. Clayton, who resigned to go to Lee College. Through the help of the Lord we have been able to build this church with an indebtedness of \$12,000 against the church. The actual cost of this building was \$35,000. The building is equipped with very beautiful factory pews, a beautiful grand piano, with blond finish to match the pews, fluorescent lighting, arch stained windows, and cement floor covered with tile. The church has a baptistry, also, and there are 10 Sunday School rooms. This church was established 11 years ago. The present membership is 175—75 of these joined this year. Therefore, despite the desperate battle the church has had with opposition and

discouraging circumstances, we praise God for this success."—LeRoy Carver, Pastor.

## CORRECTIONS

In the second paragraph of Rev. E. W. Williams' obituary, the statement should read: "In the Assembly year of 1945, he was elected again to the Supreme Council and served until the Assembly of 1948," instead of, "In the Assembly year of 1944, he was elected again to the Supreme Council and served until the Assembly of 1947. He was re-elected to the Supreme Council at the Assembly of 1950 and was holding that office at his death." Brother Williams was not eligible for re-election to the Supreme Council in 1948 due to the four-year limitation.

The telegram from East Indianapolis, Ind., in the issue of August 11, was from C. W. Rains, not C. C. Rains.



### DAVID

My husband, William Ralph David, born Sept. 5, 1921, died May 22, 1951, from burns received in a truck accident. He is survived by his wife, his parents, one sister, and a host of relatives and friends. His funeral was conducted by Revs. Leonard Carroll, E. B. Collins, and Brown Lewis, and interment was in Silver Brook Cemetery in Anderson, S. C.—Mrs. Mildred David.

### CURRIER

L. H. Currier, age 37, a loyal member of the Adamsville, Ala., Church of God, departed this life June 4, 1951. He lost his life in an explosion at the DuPont Powder Plant where he worked. He rendered faithful service to his church, having been a member for 17 years. He was a teacher in our Sunday School at the time of his death. He will be greatly missed by all the church at Adamsville, but we know that we shall see him again some day, if we are true to Jesus. He is survived by his wife and three daughters. His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. L. Williamson, assisted by Revs. W. E. Hodo and A. V. Coker, former pastors.—J. L. Hodges, Clerk.

### HATTON

The Church of God at Nocatee, Fla., has suffered a great loss, yet a great victory in heaven, by the calling home of our beloved brother, William Walker Hatton, age 79 years and 11 months. Brother Hatton had been a member of the Church of God, in which his service has been faithful and loyal for the past 31 years. He formed an endless chain of friends wherever he went. His broad smile to everyone, and his kindness to all the children will be greatly missed.—A. J. Duncan, his pastor.



# EDITORIAL...

## MISBEHAVIOUR IN GOD'S HOUSE

David by no means overrated the dignity and lofty nature of God's house when he said, "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever." Yet, it is not everyone, even among those who pretend to worship in God's house, or at least attend it regularly, that holds this reverend and respectful attitude. This indisputable fact is the thing that has given rise to this subject—*Misbehaviour in God's House*.

It is quite embarrassing for any minister or member who holds a respectful attitude toward God's house to have to admit that there are those who so utterly disrespect it that they actually misbehave in God's holy sanctuary. Yet, it is true, but should not be tolerated. Paul exhorted that we reprove, rebuke with all long-suffering and doctrine, and if anyone in the world should be reprovved and rebuked, certainly it is the person who misbehaves in God's house, as well as those in authority that permit it.

In 1 Tim. 3:4, 5, Paul definitely points out the fact that the pastor's duty is to rule well *his own house*, "having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)" Therefore, the pastor is supervisor, first, in his home; second, in his church. I know that the attitude of some people is that ministers have the meanest children in the world, and it must be conceded that numbers of ministers have let their children conduct themselves in such a way as to make this accusation, at least partly true. Let me, however, give you this little humorous conversation that went on between a pastor and a certain member. The member: "Why in the world is it that your children are so mean?" The pastor: "Simply because they have associated with my members' children." After all, there may be more truth in this than fiction. But that would not justify either the member or the minister in having unruly children. It is true that a pastor spends much time helping his members and their children, and it is possible for him to neglect his duty toward his own children. But this should never be the case. The father is the head of the home; God and the public justly hold him responsible, with the assistance of his wife, to bring up his children in the fear of the Lord. He is to set up such standards of ethics and etiquette in the home, and teach his children to observe them, as will make them God-fearing and fit citizens for society.

No pastor should let his child, or children, be privileged characters. Let me point out some ways in which this has been done to the detriment of the pastor's ministry, as well as the church. First, the child's disrespect for its parents in that it refuses to obey them, or argues with them over their instructions at home and at church. Second, allowing his child to romp in and out of the church at his own good pleasure. Third, to allow his child to carry on conversation during service. Fourth, allowing the child to come to him while he is in the pulpit, swing on to his legs, play on the altar rail, etc. Fifth, to allow his child privileges that are strictly forbidden other children members of the church in regard to where he goes, what he does, or how he (or she) dresses. There are no exceptions to the rules of membership extended to ministers' children.

Then, too, a pastor should have a definite understanding with his wife that he is the head of the home and church; and, although he should appreciate her cooperation, she should never take the role as boss of either. The pastor's wife who talks too much, and makes it her business to be a busybody in the affairs of the church, simply makes arrangements for a moving van to take them to some other place where they will soon be appreciated no more than where they moved from. The pastor's wife, of all wives, is to be in deed and in truth a helpmeet to her husband, but she must use much care and precaution, or else she will hurt him a lot more than she will help him. In many instances, the wife is the difference between the

success or failure of the minister's career. In everything possible the pastor and his family are to be examples to the membership, and if they fail, the results are always hurtful to the church.

Now a word to the layman-parents. It is the responsibility of the fathers and mothers, as members of the church, to bring up their children in the way that they should go, and certainly in doing this, they will be taught how they should conduct themselves in the church. Too many parents are giving their children the privileges of attending church when they please, and many of them please to stay at home, or go to the park or elsewhere. In fact, I fear some members of the church give their children money to go to the show, instead of seeing that they go to church. Again, I have seen parents spoil their children by letting the darling little things have their own way, and their ways kept getting worse and worse until the parents, apparently, could do nothing with them at home, and certainly did not manage them in church. One of the most unbecoming things I have ever seen parents make it convenient for the children to do in church was to eat crackers, candy, or anything, and, as a result, the pews and floors are all smeared and littered by their precious little child making a general mess as it pacified itself. I can remember when I sat by my mother for the preaching service, following the Sunday School, for even a two-hour sermon, and that without crackers, and certainly without running in and out to get water every few minutes. Of course, I think a children's service, when conducted properly, is good, following Sunday School.

Some parents have only one child, and because they have only one darling, they say they just can't be hard on him; therefore, they let him do as he pleases, to the distress and sometimes consternation of everybody in the church. Others have so many children they say they just can't handle all of them, and they let the half dozen or more do as they please, and the result is trouble in every service. A pastor may tell some parents about the error of their way, that they are too tolerant with their children and should bring them into subjection for the sake of the church, and some bend every effort until they conquer their children—I mean they use hickory tea. But there are others who think the days of hickory tea and the old-fashioned strap are over—"just give the child a sweet little lecture and it will improve." Well, that works on some, but it evidently fails a lot more than it works. I still think that a good dose of hickory tea does any child good, if properly administered.

Now, let me ask, what in the world is more unbecoming than to see children and grownups chewing "chawing" gum, or "chawing" chewing gum, in the church? A very dear fellow minister of mine was so disappointed at a congregation in which numbers were chewing gum, that when he arose to take his text, he said, "Well, after sitting here and observing what is going on in the congregation, I am convinced that an appropriate text would be, 'And they shall wax worse and worse.'" To chew gum with the mouth closed is bad enough, but for people to chew away with their mouths flopping wide open, especially in church, is really a nauseating sight. Again, I remember a pastor of one of our large churches who had tried to coax the people into stopping their gum chewing during church, but to no avail. Finally, he decided he would try something besides talk. During a morning service he unsheathed a stick of gum and crammed it in his mouth and chewed away, throwing the paper on the floor. In a little while he unsheathed another stick and stuck it in his mouth, and continued chewing away, between words, as he made the announcements and requested songs to be sung, taking time out to stuff another plug of gum in his mouth. During this time, members began sending notes up to him, reminding him that he was chewing gum. But he shoved the notes aside and continued chewing gum, and added more gum until he had his mouth so filled he could hardly talk or chew. Finally, one of his outstanding members walked up to him and said, "Brother —, do you know that you are chewing gum?" Then he said, aloud, "Certainly, I know that I am chewing gum. Everybody else chews it. What's wrong with my chewing it?" I wouldn't say that broke all the

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# Foreign Missions

J. H. Walker, Sr., Executive Missions Secretary

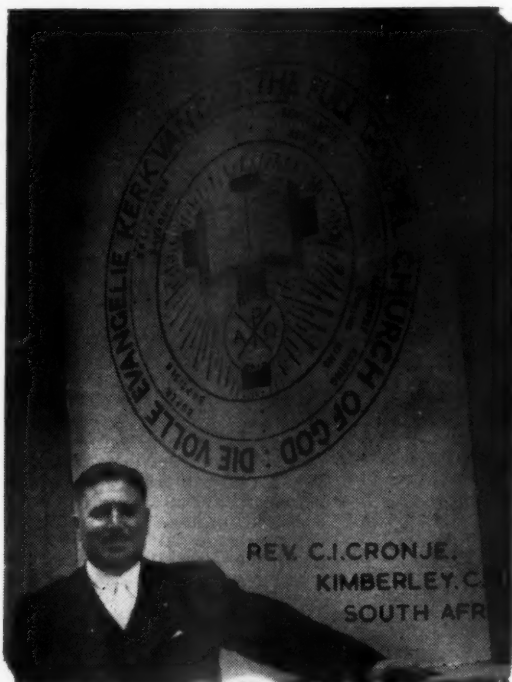
## Full Gospel Church of God, Kimberley, Cape Province, South Africa

Kimberley is one of the oldest cities in the Union of South Africa, being well known as the Diamond City, where these gems are being mined on a large scale. The Full Gospel Church of God is doing its share in mining uncut gems for that *Great Building*. We have great pleasure in informing our American brethren, whom we have learned to love through Brothers Chesser and Walker, of the progress of our church at Kimberley.

On May 20, 1951, the Assembly celebrated its eighteenth anniversary. In the morning service we commemorated the Lord's death. The Sunday School staff and children sang "Dare to Be a Daniel" during the course of the afternoon service, and a birthday cake, presented to the Assembly by one of the brethren, was cut, after an appropriate address by Rev. J. A. Wiese, the founder of this Assembly, who is now responsible for the Bantu work. At the conclusion of the service, tea and cake were served. The evening service was well attended, and the message was based on "The Sign of the Jew." It was really a memorable day in the history of the Kimberley Assembly.

The moderator of the church, Dr. J. H. Saayman, well known in America, visited Kimberley on Sunday, June 17, 1951. He arrived from Upington, Cape Province, by plane that afternoon. The hall was packed when, at the evening service, the message stirred the audience to the very core, and approximately 50 rededicated their lives. The moderator riveted our attention on the fact that the hardness which rested upon the Jews is slowly but surely settling upon the Gentiles. Many were healed after Brother Saayman prayed for them. A lady who was blind in one eye was healed instantly. Another, a gentleman, was healed while listening to the message. In other instances, aches and pains disappeared. The Lord never changes. He is still the same.

We immensely enjoy reading the *Evangel*, and find real blessing for our souls in its pages. May God bless the good work. I trust our brethren across the seas will be interested in our Full Gospel Church Crest, which now belongs to the Full Gospel Church of God, to His praise and glory.—C. J.



Cronje, Pastor.

Editor-in-Chief's note: I am sure I express the sentiment of the *Evangel* family when I say, "Brother Cronje, we are delighted with this picture and good report. It is a genuine pleasure to be thus introduced to you and the great work you and your good people are doing for God and His church. I know the 124,086 Church of God members here in the States have been made happy beyond words by the addition of the entire 30,000 as fellow members under the amalgamation title of "Full Gospel Church of God." We remember with fondness Rev. Saayman and his family, and especially his great preaching. We rejoice over the success of his ministry at your church and, in general, as moderator of the South African work. May God's most choice blessings continue to rest upon our fellow ministers and members of the Full Gospel Church of God.

### REPORT FROM HAITI

Box 592  
Port-au-Prince, Haiti  
June 9, 1951

Dear Friends:

Since the first of May the rainy season has been here. That means sudden tropical downpours, landslides, wash-outs in the road, flooded rivers, etc. One is practically home-

bound during this season as roads become impassable in many places.

We have recently, however, received some good reports from the pastor of the South. It seems the coffee crops have been good and the members are beginning to help themselves. This report will help you to see that by helping the churches get a start with your \$100.00 memorial offerings you have awakened in them a desire for better things. It is true almost without exception that as the people of a community see a new building, they get around to investigate, are converted and soon the church is too small.

Pastor Deshomes reports that the "Jones Memorial" church of Gros Morne, which has been built quite a while now, is being enlarged and re-covered with tin by the members themselves. They will be able to complete this without further aid. The members of the church at Carpentier have bought tin by themselves and have re-covered their large building (20x40). At Laplante the members brought to him 600 gourdes (equal to \$120.00) to buy tin to cover their church. This isn't enough, but they are going to try to raise the rest themselves. They have a very good spirit. He also tells us that there are other places badly in need of helps as the material life there is very difficult.

Again let us encourage you who are raising \$100.00 for country memorial buildings to combine your efforts with a couple of others, and send \$300.00 for a city memorial. Our most pressing needs now are in the cities, and it is necessary that a larger and better building be built than those for the country.

The past month the church at Poste Marchande experienced another "first" in its history. One of the lady students from the Bible School conducted a week's revival, preaching with the anointing of the Spirit and pleading with all her heart for the repentance and conversion of her people. The Lord used her greatly and the last night we attended, the house was literally overflowing. (We have recently licensed our first two lady ministers and have others who have been called. They are better prepared than many of the male preachers, and we are happy to see their work appreciated.) The last night of the revival people were sitting on the platform steps, standing in the aisle and filling the doorways (and because of the heat the buildings have doors all the way around, instead of windows.) This attendance was partly the results of two months of hard work by the pastor, Brother Justin Benoit. In March this church averaged 65 persons in Sunday School. Brother Benoit was placed in charge the first of April. By April 29 there were 135 in Sunday School with a gradual increase each Sunday. For the revival there were from 400 to 500 present. On Sunday night there were 40 persons baptized in water which greatly in-

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## THOUGHT PROVOKERS

### MINNESOTANS HONOR COUNTRY PREACHER

HAWLEY, Minn.—Led by Min-  
nesota's governor, Luther W.  
Youngdahl, nearly 2,000 persons  
turned out sometime ago to honor the  
Rev. S. G. Hauge, a country preacher  
for 50 years, who at the age of 75 still  
serves five congregations.

The civic observance marked three  
golden anniversaries: Mr. Hauge's ordi-  
nation as a Lutheran minister; the  
formation of the Hawley Lutheran  
Church, and his marriage to the form-  
er Anna Thompson.

Mr. Hauge credits her with carrying  
"the greater part of the burden" dur-  
ing the couple's 50 years of service to  
churches at Hawley, Rollag, Park,  
Lysne and Gran—all in Clay and  
Becker counties of northwestern Min-  
nesota.

Born in Norway, Mr. Hauge came to  
the United States when he was 16.  
He was ordained to the ministry of  
the Evangelical Lutheran Church  
(formerly the Norwegian Lutheran  
Church of America) in 1900 following  
his graduation from Luther Theologi-  
cal Seminary, St. Paul. He came to  
Hawley August 3, 1900, a week after  
his marriage.

With the three oldest of their five  
children, Mr. and Mrs. Hauge set out  
in the early days on Saturday night  
for a two-day horse-and-buggy round  
of the churches. The two younger chil-  
dren made the trips later by auto-  
mobile, as Mr. and Mrs. Hauge now do.

Because the churches are within a  
35-mile-square area, Mr. Hauge in  
the old days couldn't serve all congre-  
gations in one Sunday. Nor can he  
now.

Impressive numerical totals attest  
to Mr. Hauge's long service to the  
community. He estimates he has  
preached 8,500 times, baptized 2,400  
persons and confirmed 2,200; married  
700 couples and officiated at 1,100  
funerals.

His congregations today total about  
1,500 persons, not including associate  
members of the five churches.

Mr. Hauge's anniversary sermon was  
on the theme, "Christ, the Eternal  
Rock of Ages."

### YOUTHFUL BURGLAR RENOUNCES CRIME

#### REFORM SCHOOL GRADUATE, 21, WANTS TO 'GO STRAIGHT'

SAN FRANCISCO—A 21-year-old  
reform school graduate who said  
"society doesn't owe me anything,"  
decided of his own volition to quit  
the life of crime he learned as a  
youngster.

Police were dumbfounded when  
Floyd Christy walked into Central  
Police Station here and confessed to  
some 150 burglaries committed since  
last June.

Christy, a boyish-looking young  
man, told officers he had averaged

\$400 a week in his career as a full-  
time burglar.

"I thought that was something," he  
said. "I spent the money in night  
clubs and on girls. I gave them the  
jewelry I stole."

An orphan, Christy said he had  
been on his own since he was five.  
"Many times I had to steal to eat,"  
he said. "I was a goon for a gang of  
boys. I started out stealing milk bot-  
tles, then bicycles, then blankets from  
cars and then the cars themselves."

The young burglar said his only ed-  
ucation was in the state training  
school for boys at Woodburn, Ore.

"I'm going straight after this one,"  
he told officers who booked him for  
investigation.

### RESURRECTION

*This is the miracle that lifts the soul  
From the dark grave of doubt and  
endless night,  
And bids it climb to reach its highest  
goal.  
Out of the shadows to the summit's  
height.*

*This is the radiance of the morning's  
gold  
Breaking on empty tomb and gar-  
dened hill  
Where life comes forth unconquered  
to unfold  
The plan of God that mankind shall  
fulfill.*

*Across the strife and chaos of this  
hour  
The glory of the resurrection  
streams,  
Revealing ways of faith and truth and  
power—  
The high roads to the spirit's cher-  
ished dreams.  
And to each heart the message comes  
again,  
Ringing in beauty through His holy  
name:  
"Always and now, this is the hope of  
men—  
The Christ of God, forevermore the  
same!"*

—Elizabeth D. Schumann.

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## EDITORIAL

(From Georgia Reporter)

### BEAUTIFUL WORK

As I sit here at my desk and look over the summary of our last year's work, I am indeed gratified, and there are praises to God welling up in my heart for the way He has blessed us.

We have just closed what most everybody has said was the greatest camp meeting they ever attended. From the very beginning, God's blessings were upon the services. Every person who was in charge of a service, from the hour of prayer in the early morning to the closing of the evening service, seemed to be thoroughly consecrated and given up to God, and perfectly willing for God to have His way.

In our General Overseer's address, he stated that the State of Georgia's increase in membership this past year was second in its class only to North Carolina, and we had an 8½% over-all gain. This is good, but it can be much better. Our exclusions have been excessive. We must, from the least to the greatest, try to keep those we already have. *Let us make ourselves soul savers of the souls we already have!*

Our Bible study was the richest to which I have ever had the privilege to give audience. Earl P. Paulk, Sr., was at his best; all the preachers preached wonderful sermons. The evening speaker, Paul H. Walker, was right on the firing line with dynamic evangelistic messages.

The young people's day was a great success under the supervision of Earl Paulk, Jr., state youth director.

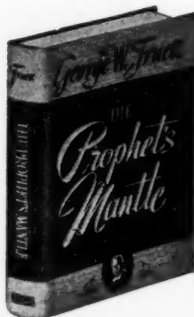
The climax of the camp meeting was our mission floor offering of \$4,005.41, making a total of \$14,000 with the offerings brought in from the churches. All present, including our visitors, said they never saw such a mission offering. It was finished quickly, and was declared to be an all-time high by the Missions Board Chairman and the President of Lee College.

Here are paragraph reports of what

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some of the ministers thought of the camp meeting.

**Tommie Harper, Chairman of State Council:** The Georgia camp meeting has come to a successful close. The preachers are packing their cars and trailers and going back to their churches with the old time fire burning in their souls. This fire will blaze out in revivals all over the State.

**Thomas A. Perkins, Member of State Council:** The great Georgia camp meeting is now history. I am sure I speak the sentiment of many of the Georgia folk when I say this was one of the greatest years Georgia has ever had. I am sure this was due to the leadership of our esteemed overseer, Brother E. L. Simmons.

**G. L. Herring, Pastor at Demorest, Georgia:** I cannot express it in words, but I have received a touch in this camp meeting, such as I have never felt before.

**A. H. (Buck) Griffin, Pastor at Buford, Georgia:** We have had a great camp meeting—wonderful fellowship and good cooperation.

**Rozzie Lee Fordham, Evangelist, McRae, Georgia:** The Georgia camp meeting began with much enthusiasm among the people. The power of God was manifested in a great way in every service. It seems that the ministry and laity were at their best.

**G. E. Poole, Overseer of Clayton District:** The Georgia camp meeting has been a real inspiration to me. I am going back home to start a revival.

**Max L. Atkins, Member of State Council:** The Georgia camp meeting is now history, but it will not soon be forgotten. We can truly say with Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration, "It was good to be here."

**C. N. Bolt, Member of State Council:** My impression of the state camp meeting is that it was one of the very best.

**LeRoy Carver, Pastor at Douglas, Georgia:** Georgia is a great state, and the camp meeting is always very good. This year there was the greatest degree of humility and brotherly love manifested.

**Mildred Griffin, Assistant Pastor at**

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**Nahunta, Georgia:** The Georgia camp meeting and the glory of the Lord were divinely joined together. Surely a heavenly atmosphere prevailed in the services from the beginning to the end. We had quite a touching orphanage program and our youth day was wonderful. Last but not least was the special touch upon our beloved and appreciated state overseer's wife, Sister Simmons, and also the gracious Willing Workers' service.

**Editorial Note:** These ministers came by the office as they were leaving the campground on Monday morning, and left these testimonies. All seemed to be looking forward to God's richest blessings upon their work.—E. L. Simmons, State Overseer.

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... With Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Wilemon



REV. AND MRS. W. S. WILEMON

Rev. Worthy Silvester Wilemon was born on Route 4, in Oneonta, Ala., April 6, 1889. He married Zula Modella Ellis, daughter of F. A. and Sarah Ellis, May 21, 1913, at Oneonta, Ala. They were married by Rev. G. F. Hullett, a Methodist minister. His wife is a niece of the late Rev. J. B. Ellis. To this union were born four children, three girls and one son, the eldest being a daughter who is still with them in the home and a devout and faithful Christian. The second child, the only son, spent about two and one-half years in Tehran, Iran, in the Adjutant General's office. God miraculously brought him through, and he is now located in Chattanooga, Tenn. The second daughter, who has been with them these many years in the Lord's work, is married to Mr. John Hood and lives on Sand Mountain, near Boaz, Ala. The youngest daughter, Imogene, married a Tennessee boy, R. H. Maxwell, who is a minister in the Church of God, located in Mobile, Ala., and is doing a faithful work. Brother Wilemon says his children have been a blessing to him in almost every respect.

Brother Wilemon was licensed to preach in the Methodist Church in 1914. He pastored in the Methodist Church approximately one and one-half years. Then he joined the Church of God and was appointed pastor. He pastored about one and one-half years and was appointed overseer of Ala-

bama. He served in that capacity only one year, and was appointed as pastor of the Dora, Ala., Church of God. He served as pastor of churches for twenty-eight years, excepting possibly one year as overseer and one year in the evangelistic work. He says, "I have served about fourteen or fifteen churches as pastor, and some of them I have returned to the second and third time. Some of the churches I have pastored are: Orlando and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., pastoring Orlando two different times; McMinnville and Kingsport, Tenn.; Alabama City, Dora, and Sumiton, Ala. I pastored at McMinnville, Tenn., four years, and went to Alabama City two different times. I have preached approximately 2,700 sermons. On one occasion, in a meeting in Alabama City, Ala., we had about sixty-five saved, and one Sunday afternoon we baptized twenty-five in water. We announced there would be the Lord's Supper and feet washing at the church that night, and there was such a crowd we had to postpone it. Rev. Ellis Wright told me he was saved under my ministry. Some of those who have finished their work and slipped away to heaven, such as F. J. Lee, J. B. Ellis, T. S. Payne, W. M. Newman, Z. D. Simpson, and just about all that are living that I know, have been a blessing to me—those who have lived godly lives and have endured with patience.

"As to the past of the Church of

God, its progress was slow, but sure and steady. For the last several years it has grown by leaps and bounds, yet, so far as spirituality and the study of God's Word are concerned, many of us, I fear, have become dwarfs. I thank God for the progress of the Church, but I feel, so far as the future of the Church is concerned, that we have reached that critical period in which it is going to take some fasting, much praying, and a continual study of the Word of God to keep making the progress, spiritually, that we should, and hold what we have. Luke 21:34 says, 'Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.' The remedy, verse 36, 'Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.' Brethren, sisters, and Christian friends, let's join hands and hearts and march in one solid phalanx against the powers of the enemy of our souls and the souls of our dear children."

## SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION AND CAMP MEETING OF 1951

By H. F. Douglas, Pastor, Dillon, S. C.

Spirit-filled preaching! Spirit-filled singing! Holy-Ghost conviction, restitution and a seeking after God! Therefore the South Carolina convention and camp meeting fills a broad page in our history.

Reverend John L. Byrd, our beloved state overseer, was at the top among us in handling the affairs of this great convocation. The divine refreshing of the Holy Ghost was felt by every God-conscious person there.

The Tuesday night beginning of the state convention was visited by the Holy Ghost, and from that time on through the early morning services at 7 a.m., the 9:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 6:45 p.m. services, the presence of the Lord graced the convention and camp meeting.

Our esteemed Assistant General Overseer, Reverend Zeno C. Tharp; Reverend J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief

of Church Publications; Reverend J. H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary; Dean E. M. Tapley, of Lee College; Reverend Lewis J. Willis, National Youth Director; Reverend Wm. Dych, Superintendent of the Orphanage; Reverend and Mrs. Thomas Pullin, missionaries of Guatemala; Reverends Earl P. Paulk, state overseer of North Carolina, A. V. Beaube, state overseer of Tennessee, T. M. McClendon, state overseer of Louisiana and morning speaker for the camp meeting; L. C. Heaston, night speaker, G. C. Hamby, state overseer of Mississippi (and my apologies to any not listed here), along with a host of ministers and friends from everywhere, it seemed, attended and contributed to the meeting's success.

All committees and individuals with special assignments seemed to be touched by the Holy Ghost, and they carried out their respective duties without any trouble. Musical instruments of all kinds were played by anointed Christ believers. The faces of the singers were aglow, their voices

ringing out the melodies of peace, and joy springing from their souls, and the congregation catching flame, joining in to make the glories of God resound throughout the pine-wooded hill of the camp site.

One of the greatest services was, as usual, the mission service, Sunday morning. After Reverend J. H. Walker completed his mission program, State Overseer John L. Byrd, South Carolina's No. 1 leader, came forward with an appeal for funds to promote this great work of God and ministers and laity alike came with offerings totaling \$2,700.

I must mention the splendid program rendered by our untiring and top state youth director, Reverend Brady Dennis. With his wife and staff of workers, the children were not left out of the camp meeting. Also, the youth convention program was in keeping with the idea of bigger and better and more spiritual Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s.

Mrs. John L. Byrd, state L.W.W.B.

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# Christian Education Must Decide National Education

JAMES DeFOREST MURCH, Editor, U. E. A.

So-called "Christian Education" in America is in a time of crisis. We have said it before and we shall say it again, and *again* and *AGAIN*! It is a crisis which cannot be resolved immediately, but it can and must be dealt with immediately.

Much that is called "Christian education" is not *Christian*. It may have a Christian background and operate within an organizational and institutional framework that bears the name, but at heart it is rotten with paganism and naturalism and liberalism and has forfeited its right to the support and cooperation of evangelical Christians.

The hour has come and now is when we must know where our schools and colleges stand on the crucial issues before us.

Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein in his great work *Christian Education in a Democracy* (see pages 5 and 7) says:

When confronted with the deep issues of man's purpose and destiny, education must return an answer. Like the individual (in any other area of life and thought) it must render a yes-or-no decision. Those who work out its philosophy and plan its policies must take sides. But at this point the modern mind balks. It hesitates to go all the way in either direction. It will not make the clear-cut decision because it stumbles at commitment. Admiring the fruit of Christianity, it would have the fruit without the root. It looks up to a high standard of ethical ideals while turning progressively away from the source of these ideals. It grows eloquent about the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, the Golden Rule and the ethics of the Sermon on the Mount, but when it comes to that whole-souled commitment to the Lord and Saviour through whom alone these ideals come alive in the individual, it declares: "We will not have this man to reign over us"...

Evangelicals must know, before they commit their children and youth to an educational institution's nurture, whether that institution is Christian in the Biblical sense. They must know, before they invest the Lord's money in its buildings and equipment; in its administration and faculty personnel and in its program, whether it is dedicated to evangelical Christian purposes and true to them in daily practice. We owe it to Christ and His holy cause to find out and to act accordingly.

We realize that all this is distasteful to most modern American educators. They look upon pressures which de-

mand commitment to a pattern of thought as subversive of academic freedom. They especially abhor commitment to religion, rather than science, as the unifying factor of education. They have been trained in an atmosphere reflected in the famed Harvard Report\* which states: "Religion is not now for most colleges or universities a practical source of intellectual unity." They are willing to pay their respects to Christianity. They are willing to accept church-related status. But they are unwilling to re-orient their minds to a God-centered educational system. They do not have the courage to cut through the accretions of secular educational prejudices, to humble their humanistic pride in material progress and scientific achievement and repent of their educational sin against Christ and the Church.

Too long we evangelicals have hesitated to deal realistically with this situation. We have been too considerate of the modern professional educators. As a result most of our great educational institutions have been lost to evangelical Christianity. Others are in process of being lost. But now with a growing courage, born out of despair and a mighty turning to God for help, we are taking action.

Consecrated Christian educators who put God first in their thinking are breaking with the old ties and regrouping themselves in schools which are definitely Christian. Capable educational administrators are setting up new colleges, seminaries and institutes where the Bible is central in curriculum.

One of the outstanding examples of this break with the old order is to be seen in the founding and development of Bob Jones University. Beginning with little in the way of educational or financial resources this institution has in a few years grown to a commanding position with a magnificent modern plant worth millions, a consecrated well-trained faculty and a student body of some three thousands. One is impressed when he sets foot on the campus that here is a distinctly evangelical Christian school that is meeting the need of the hour.

Hundreds of new evangelical Bible colleges, seminaries and institutes have sprung up within the last twenty years with the primary purpose of training men and women for full-time Christian service. These schools now enrolling multiplied thousands

\**General Education in a Free Society*, Cambridge, 1945.

became a necessity when apostasy robbed evangelical Christianity of many older institutions.

We thank God for the educational institutions with many years of fine evangelical Christian tradition back of them which are still loyally discharging the task which was committed into their hands by faithful men. These bulwarks of evangelical Christian education are a source of strength and encouragement to us all. May God continue to guide and bless them.

Of special concern are the hundreds of institutions which are on the border line. They, too, have had a long and honorable Christian tradition and they still have within their halls many who are faithfully ministering the Word of Life. But the pressures of our modern culture and the demands of liberal denominational leaders have made inroads on policy and personnel. These institutions are making decisions day by day which are determining whether they can any longer claim the confidence and support of evangelicals. We believe it is our business to help save them. We stand ready to aid them in any way. But we also believe just as surely that we must abandon them if and when they abandon a distinctly Christian educational philosophy and practice.

The time has come when every educational institution in America must declare in principle and practice whether or not it is distinctly Christian. If it is Christian it will (1) be built on a thoroughgoing Christian philosophy of education; (2) have a faculty of Christian men and women thoroughly committed to that philosophy; (3) have a Christ-centered curriculum with the Bible as its chief textbook; (4) have a student body actively supporting the school's philosophy and aims; (5) face every student with the implications of that philosophy for his life and conduct. Only such institutions are worthy of our confidence and support.

From U. E. A.

## RECIPE FOR REVIVAL

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And all the disgruntled folk will sweeten up  
And all the discouraged folk will cheer up  
And all the depressed folk will look up  
And all the estranged folk will make up  
And all the gossipers will shut up—  
Then you can have a revival.



## SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION AND CAMP MEETING OF 1951

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president, presented an informative program with the ladies of the Willing Worker's Bands who were attending the camp meeting. Her report showed that thousands of dollars had been raised by the local Bands to lift the financial loads of the churches' budgets.

Although, with more and expanded facilities, it was evident, by the overflowing congregations, that South Carolina must and shall have more parking space . . . more seating space . . . more water . . . more sleeping quarters . . . more of everything it takes to keep up with the growing church population that is camp-meeting-minded from here out . . . !

### Expressions Concerning the Camp Meeting

"As I saw the South Carolina camp meeting: Wonderful, indeed! The presence of God was prevalent in each service. Messages were brought by anointed speakers. One outstanding beauty of the services was the hands of the thousands that were lifted up to God in praises to Him for His great love and favors."—Irene Hillhouse, Evangelist.

"The greatest camp meeting I have ever attended. The love, unity, fellowship, and, last but not least, the greatest preaching I have ever heard!"—J. W. Moore, Pastor, Newberry, S. C.

"Large crowds, spiritual singing, inspirational preaching, and a true spirit of worship that seemed to touch every heart present."—J. Frank Spivey, Cleveland, Tenn.

"You have heard of Utopia. This is it."—B. F. Sprouse.

"A most inspiring and great convention and camp meeting. Great preaching with a marked spiritual emphasis."—E. M. Tapley, Dean of Lee College.

"We have attended every camp meeting since we have had one in South Carolina, but this one was the greatest of all."—W. D. Childers.

"Our services were wonderful, and I'll say the music and singing was a great blessing to each service. Brother Heaston preached most wonderfully."—Roosevelt Miller.

"Wonderful!"—Leonard Carroll.

"Words fail to express the magnitude of the presence of God in every service."—J. B. Camp.

"Words cannot describe the South Carolina camp meeting. The crowds, the reports, the singing and preaching were all far beyond anything heretofore. Not only was there gospel preaching on doctrinal lines, but it was mixed with an evangelistic appeal and zeal that brought scores to the altar seeking God for various experiences.

"There was not a day service or moment but that it was filled. If it seemed that there might be a moment unfilled on the program, the state overseer, Brother Byrd, always filled it in with an important statement. The 1951 camp meeting will never be forgotten."—Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant Gen-



Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Pullin and Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Walker.

eral Overseer.

"Words cannot be found to describe this great camp meeting that we enjoyed, but like the 'ole colored man' said, 'That, that was to have above, have ariven.'"—Evangelist W. E. Williams.

"Every person in South Carolina should have attended these great services."—A. M. Phillips.

"God was in the very first service, and the spirit mounted each evening in the greater altar services than in any previous camp meeting."—F. L. Muller.

"The Church of God in South Carolina will never forget the great 1951 state convention, youth congress, and camp meeting. It was the greatest ever."—J. A. Whitlow.

"Great because of the dynamic messages, the fellowship, and the power of the Spirit that prevailed throughout the meeting."—G. F. Dempsey.

"It is truly an inspiration to be at the South Carolina state camp meeting. It is one of the greatest that we have attended. The presence of the Lord is felt all over the tent. We are

glad to have the privilege of attending this wonderful meeting. We are happy to meet with friends that we have labored with in the harvest and to know that the work of the Lord is progressing in a mighty way."—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rainwater, Oklahoma City.

"This camp meeting and convention, I believe, was one of the best I have ever attended. I feel that the great altar services were the best. There was a wonderful spirit of fellowship. God is surely getting a people ready for His coming. The response to Missions, which manifests a true love for the unfortunate around the world, was clearly manifested with a liberal cash offering of about \$2,700, besides the amount brought from the churches. My heart was blessed to see how God worked most wonderfully.

"This was Sister Walker and my daughter Grace's first time ever to visit the South Carolina convention. She too rejoices with me and adds her heartfelt thanks for this wonderful meeting."—J. H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary.

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# Convention Reports . . .

## ARKANSAS CAMP MEETING AND STATE CONVENTION

Our state meeting was in the Senior High School Auditorium in Jonesboro, Ark., July 16-22. People were there for the first service from all parts of the State, and a good spirit of fellowship was very evident. The congregation and choir singing was an inspiring background for the evening message by Brother L. L. Hughes, on Heb. 12:1. It was not hard to see that Brother Hughes was a genuine Church of God overseer, which we have known all the while. It was spiced throughout with special emphasis on prominent church teachings, mainly on sanctification. The choir singing was some of the best I have ever heard. O. C. McCane, the state youth director, had everything well in hand, as far as the musical side of the meeting was concerned. The special singing was of the best, as done by the Gospel; Bolin; Ledford, Lowery, and Garner; Forrest City, and Hindmon trios; the Hughes sisters, the McCane and Velvet Ridge quartets, and many more special singers.

Rev. L. W. Sisk needs no introduction to the people of Arkansas, since this is the second year he has taught in the day services. Everyone seemed to be ready and waiting for his inspiring lectures on such subjects as "Predestination," "Practical Psychology," "Eternal Security," and "Sound Doctrine." This part of the convention was of great value.

The night services were dedicated especially to the evangelistic efforts. Our state overseer brought the first message on "Cloud of Witnesses," which ended with a wonderful consecration service. Tuesday night, Brother Houston R. Morehead, our General Secretary and Treasurer, delivered a masterful sermon on "Be Sure Your Sins Will Find You Out," which ended with an altar service.

Judge Foster Clark gave to us a welcome on behalf of the city. His address was most welcoming, as well as making us realize our importance in the world as Christians and good citizens. "It is people such as yourselves who make it easy on us to enforce the law. We are glad to have you in our city, and hope you will enjoy yourself while here," he said.

By Wednesday night, Brother J. D. Bright, our night speaker for the camp meeting, had arrived, and he gave us a splendid sermon on "The Comforter," after which we appreciated the Holy Ghost more than ever. Thursday night was also a glorious service. The sermon was "Coming into Possession of Divine Provision"; Friday night, "Source of Spiritual and Physical Life"; Saturday night, "Why I am a Church Member." I don't know the number of experiences that were received during the convention, but everyone seemed to go away much refreshed. We were very glad to have

our Editor-in-Chief of Church of God Publications with us. We shall never forget his messages.

Day speakers were: Revs. John Best, pastor of Flippin church—subject, "Essentials to Success"; E. W. Fowler, pastor at Poplar Grove—subject, "Pressure to Duty"; Houston R. Morehead—subject, "Perils of the Time"; Darrel Froud—subject, "Clear Conscience Toward God"; C. J. Hindmon, state overseer of Oklahoma—subject, "Time to Seek the Lord"; Floyd L. Ramsey, pastor at Pine Bluff—subject, "Evangelism in the Local Church"; O. L. May, pastor at Burdett—subject, "Last Day Miracles"; C. E. Richard, pastor at Memphis, Tenn.—subject, "Following Christ and the Preacher"; Sister O. C. McCane—subject, "Caring for the Orphans"; and Carl M. Hughes. All of these messages were of the best.

Lee College was represented by Rev.

John C. Jernigan, President, who gave inspiring information about our college. We felt after his address that we will have a better school. Brother R. S. Pringle, a student, also gave a splendid talk on Lee College. We are all proud of our schools, Lee College, I.B.C., in Canada, I.P.I., in San Antonio, Texas, Northwest Bible Training Academy, Minot, N. Dak., and the West Coast Bible School in California.

The offerings were fine and the Finance Committee did a wonderful job on the financial side of the convention. The other committees did very well, also—Watchman, Ushers, Entertainment, and Subscription committees and are to be congratulated.

Hear what some of the congregation had to say about the camp meeting and convention: E. Long, "I've had a good time here." Sister O. C. McCane, "It has been uplifting, very inspiring, and filled with outstanding messages." Austin Williams, "We have had a good camp meeting. If we only had another week." L. L. Hughes, "We have had a good camp meeting. The preaching and deliberation was the best. We have been blessed by our

## FIRST BRICK CHURCH IN ARKANSAS



We want to thank God for the progress of our church at Nettleton. Our Sunday School, Y.P.E., L.W.W.B., and the tithes have more than doubled in the last nine months. Several have been saved and added to the church under the fine leadership of our good pastor and wife, Reverend and Sister R. S. Pringle. When they came to Nettleton about nine months ago, our church was in a very poor condition, and the building was about like Jerusalem when Nehemiah returned from Babylon to rebuild the city. Like Nehemiah of old, Brother Pringle came with a mind to work. Today we have a nice brick veneer building in which to worship, and one of which we are very proud.

We feel that God has given us our new church through the good leadership, sacrifice, and untiring efforts of our good pastor and the cooperation of the good people of Nettleton. I think I can speak for the entire church in saying that we think we are very fortunate to have an outstanding minister as Rev. Pringle for our pastor. This is his first pastoral work. He is a graduate of Lee College and besides his pastoral duties, attends Arkansas State College.

May God give us more ministers in Arkansas with a zeal and mind to work and to lift up the standard of holiness while putting over the program for God and His church.—Margaret Medlin, Nettleton Church Reporter.



visiting ministers." E. W. Fowler, "It's been good; I've been blessed more in this camp meeting than ever before." S. B. McCane, "I think it's good. The messages were outstanding, timely, and to the point. I've felt good fellowship from the members and ministers of this state." Sister Otis Pipkin, "The preaching services were fine. I received a great blessing from them." R. L. Perry, "The message tonight was fine. I wish I could have been here every night." Sister W. M. Jones, "I think it was fine. I've enjoyed it all. We were here for the first service." J. W. Bennett, "I feel it has been a success. The singing and preaching were wonderful." Dr. L. W. Sisk, "I think it has been a wonderful meeting. I've heard some of the best preaching I have heard in many years." W. G. Wilkins, "It was grand." Carl M. Hughes, "I think we have been blessed by the best speakers of any camp meeting." Sister Gene King, "I thought it was good." Lowell Dickson, "It was good and has been a blessing to me. I really enjoyed the sermons." Irene Stevens, "My soul has rejoiced to see the great power of God manifested in this camp meeting, and my life has been made richer in Christ through the inspiring messages which I have heard." —Amos A. Ledford, Convention Clerk.

### THE NORTH-SOUTH DAKOTA STATE CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION

It is history, but it still lives! Yes, the Church of God camp meeting and convention which convened in Minot, North Dakota, on the attractive 15-acre church-owned campgrounds, was the most outstanding in the history of the Northwest. Hundreds were on the campus the opening day.

Rev. T. L. Forrester, beloved overseer of the Dakotas, secured Rev. Fatie Atkinson, of Carmi, Ill., as night speaker. He delivered his very soul in preaching Christ-centered and Christ-exalting messages. "Old timers" said that not only were the crowds the largest in the history of the camp, but the 30 that received the Holy Ghost and the 20-odd saved and sanctified were the largest figures in years. One of the noteworthy features of the convocation was the prevalent spirit of prayer and consecration to be felt on the campus from the early morning prayer meetings till the last praise of triumph each night. The daily services were conducted by many out-of-state ministers, local preachers, and recruit preachers just fresh from a glorious term of the Northwestern Bible School. In addition to the hundreds of "Dakota" natives who attended, the meeting was graced by the presence of scores of out of state visitors. Ministers and singers from 12 states were present, including the General Church Secretary, Brother Houston R. Morehead, who brought his wife and another visitor from Michigan. His anointed ministry will never be forgotten. Other guest ministers included state overseers W. A. Nicholson, of Minnesota; Estel Moore, of Wisconsin; J. Andrew Rafferty, overseer of Western Canada; Revs.

William Pospisil, of Bigtimber, Mont.; Inches, Florida; Ralph Brostrom, recently elected president of the International Bible College; and a young minister from Jamaica. Messages by many of these brethren were highlights of the meeting.

The musical and singing programs played a great role in the success of the meeting. Lynn and Molly Davis, former "show people," were a great blessing through their singing and their lives which testified of the wonderful grace of God. The Klaudt family was present, also, for some of the meeting, and their talented singing and music was greatly appreciated. Brother Meryin McLuhan, principal of the Northwestern Bible School, was with us only a few days, but his teaching and singing were a tower of blessing. Other members of the school faculty were present. They certainly proved themselves to be men of God and His church, as well as capable instructors.

One of the greatest steps of progress ever taken in the Northwest toward the advancement of God's cause was made on Sunday morning, July 1, when \$16,359 was given toward the completion of the elegant, new dormitory which is being erected on the campgrounds. To behold such a beautiful structure, dedicated to the youth for their Christian schooling, makes one feel confident that the future of the Church in the Northwest is assured. This edifice, valued at \$165,000, provides for more adequate housing of students. The glowing prospects of a bright future for our school has begun to radiate in the very hearts of the people, and God's work in this section of the country is certainly taking on new life. As Rev. D. C. Boatwright, pastor of the local church in Minot, presented the weight of the enormous challenge of such a project to the people, the Holy Spirit warmed the hearts of the congregation, causing them to invest in God's worthy work.

Another outstanding event of the camp meeting was the youth day, which was preceded on Friday night by an impressive youth march. Several Northwestern Bible School students had a part in the programs. One of the glorious results of the Bible School here is that an astounding percentage of the students are actively engaged in the ministry. After a message in the morning by the North Dakota state youth director, Brother Yecha climaxed the glorious afternoon service by preaching on the theme, "The Looks of Jesus." Mrs. Ruby Beckman, youth director of South Dakota, and Garold Boatwright, youth director of North Dakota, were in charge of the youth services.

On Wednesday morning, the final day of the gathering, Brother Atkinson thrilled our hearts with a soul-stirring message on the cause of Missions, choosing for his theme, "The Seven Passions of Evangelism," after which the people again rallied to the challenge and gave over \$4,000 toward missions. Incidentally, one of our own pastors, Rev. T. D. Mooneyham, has just recently been appointed to the

mission field, being sent to the interior of Africa. Our blessed people not only give freely of their means to missions, but now have sent another "living offering" to the field. There are no people on the earth who are any more interested in the progress of God's church than those in the Dakotas. With Christ "going on before," who is our victory and righteousness, and under the capable leadership of our Brother Forrester and the rest of our consecrated ministry, we can say, "United we stand." —Garold Boatwright, Reporter.

### TRI-STATE CAMP MEETING— WASHINGTON, OREGON, IDAHO

The Church of God Campground suddenly became a bustling center of activity on the early morning of July 2, 1951. Children were picking blackberries, grownups were trying to decide on which spot to erect their tents, and everyone was greeted with, "Have you seen our new tabernacle?" They all talked about the nice new tabernacle that the state overseer and some of the ministers had worked on so hard to get completed for this great meeting. It seemed like a cloud of good will, enthusiasm, and fellowship had come and settled right over the campground, and it stayed there until the last "Amen" was said.

Monday was a full and busy day, and that night Brother Stanfield, overseer of Montana, our camp meeting speaker, preached a soul-stirring message on "What Is Life?" Everyone went down the hill to their tents rejoicing that they had come. Tuesday was another big day. Wednesday morning, Brother Trietch conducted a very interesting Bible study, and in the afternoon Brother Johnny Thompson delivered a message that brought a real spirit of shouting and rejoicing to the hearts of the people. At the night service, the program previously planned was laid aside as the Holy Ghost came down and took control. A number prayed through to a real experience and the Holy Ghost.

Thursday morning Brother Beckman brought a wonderful message on "The Inner Man," a message that will not be soon forgotten. In the afternoon the Willing Workers took over under the direction of Sister Goff. That service changed the minds of many who had not been willing workers in spirit before. This day came to a close with another great message, by our guest speaker, Brother Stanfield. His message was "Emancipation."

On Friday morning, Brother Goff, our good state overseer, brought the message. He made every minister there realize that preaching is no child's play, that it is not to be entered into lightly or for gain. Every minister left that meeting determined to make his calling and election sure. Finally, the hour that everyone was looking forward to arrived. Rev. H. L. Chesser, our General Overseer, related his trip to Africa, and told how 25,000

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## ... Reports From the Field ...

### CENTERVILLE, IOWA, MAKES PROGRESS



We praise God for the way He is blessing our church in Centerville, Iowa. We praise Him for our good pastor and his family, Rev. L. J. Stone, of South Carolina. Since Brother Stone came, we have doubled our membership; our Sunday School has

tripled; and the church is almost paying the limit in tithes now. The church is making the greatest progress in its history. The building will hardly seat the people on Sunday nights. We have a broadcast direct from the church each Sunday, from

9:15 a.m. to 9:45. The power of God is moving in a great way, and people are being healed and blessed in almost every service. We hope soon to remodel our church or build a new one. Pray for us.—Mrs. Viola Myers, Reporter.

#### LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

In 1 Corinthians 3:9 we notice, "We are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." What a thought! What a privilege! What an opportunity to have a co-worker like that! one that will do more than his part; one that has never failed; one that is not slack concerning his promises, but will do everything he promises. I remember

when I was six years old my dad had a job for me to do. As a farm boy, I never knew what it was to be out of work. When God saved me and called me to preach, I could not stop work. I just stopped a few weeks ago when my heart was in such a condition it became necessary that I cease any strenuous activities.

Well, are we workers? If every minister in the Church of God had built

as many churches as you have, and if every minister had built as many parsonages as you have, how many preachers would have somewhere to live? or would they have to live in rented houses or out on the mountain side as the pioneer preachers of the Church of God did? I know what it is to sleep on the ground or floor to preach holiness, but I am glad to

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were added to the Church. On Sunday morning Brother Chesser spoke on "The Last Request of Christ." His message was on missions, and the Northwest's answer to that request was a total mission offering of \$3,222.30, which was about 9 times the amount of the previous year.

In the closing service, Sunday night, our youth director asked for an offering for the Orphanage, and \$454.65 was raised. Brother Stanfield delivered the closing message, "An Appointment with God." Sinners and saints alike were made to realize that it is one appointment everyone will keep.

The camp meeting was over as people made their way back to their tents for the night, or to their automobiles for their journey home, but everyone knew the camp meeting spirit was still in the air by the remarks they heard. We quickly scribbled down a few so our *Evangel* friends would know that God is blessing in the Northwest: "Most cooperative and well organized camp meeting ever attended."—Brother Tapley. "Best camp meeting I was ever in."—Brother Harris. "To me this has been the best camp meeting I've been in. Such singing and preaching I have never heard. God wonderfully baptized our son (Lee) with the Holy Ghost, for which I am praising Him, also many other blessings, and I can't find words to tell how much this meeting has meant to me."—Sister Taylor. "It's grand; been wonderful."—Brother Stevens.

In trying to judge this camp meeting correctly, we listened to the remarks of those who were there, and this is what we found: Praises—dozens. Gripes—none. So we all went home Monday morning satisfied that the Northwest has just had its greatest camp meeting ever.—A. M. Rasmussen.

### MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION

It is with hearts filled with praise and adoration to Christ Jesus our blessed Lord and King that the great State of Mississippi is able to report another very successful state convention. Many have said this convention was one of the best Mississippi has ever enjoyed.

We were made glad when Rev. G. C. Hamby, our very competent state overseer, announced that Mississippi had moved from the "B" group to become an "A" state, thus taking its place to accomplish greater things for God and the Church. I must admit that the music and singing was such as brought spontaneous applause and praises, many times turning into shouts of victory. The various committees are to be commended for heroically handling the tasks respectfully assigned to them. The tabernacle was insufficient to accommodate the throng of people that came from various parts of the State, but we are hoping to have a camp site of our

own in the very near future.

We were, indeed, happy to have visiting ministers to enjoy this great holy convocation. Rev. T. M. McClendon, Louisiana's state overseer, blessed us by giving needy instructions to the ministry. Rev. John C. Jernigan made us feel that Lee College will be ordered and conducted as a Church of God school should during his administration as president. I think I am safe in saying that Mississippi wants such administration in our school as Brother Jernigan laid before us. Our own state ministers graced the pulpit with dynamic messages. Rev. G. W. Hodges, of Birmingham, Ala., blessed our lives with his ministry.

Saturday was a great day for the youth. Rev. E. H. Babb has worked hard in behalf of Mississippi's youth for the past 3 years, and we feel that he has done a great job. With a program as he presents, surely God will bless the work. The tabernacle was too small to seat the youth that gathered for this service. Rev. Lewis Willis, National Youth Director, blessed us with his presence and ministry.

As we assembled for the final service of this convention, our hearts and lives were moved for the mission cause as our Assistant General Overseer, Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, spoke to us. At the close of his message a floor offering for missions in the amount of \$1,470.62 was received. Thus, Mississippi experienced an increase along with her growth, and is marching on for God. Several churches have been added to her roll. It is my sincere opinion that with capable leadership and a fine staff of ministers and churches, God will help us accomplish even more before we gather for the next Assembly. May God keep us at our best for Him.—W. H. Dean, Convention Reporter.

## KENTUCKY STATE CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION

The Kentucky Church of God state camp meeting and convention was glorious. It was packed with good things from the start to the finish. The services were most inspiring and spiritual. From the first service on Monday night to the last one on Sunday evening all of the twenty-five separate services were well attended and most enjoyable.

The Rev. James L. Slay's preaching was inspiring. Scores of hungry hearts would rush forward after the sermons to seek God for power and for victory.

In order for services to move along as beautifully and as smoothly as did the Camp Meeting it called for much previous planning and constant supervision. The Rev. R. R. Walker, esteemed state overseer, even though it was his first time to supervise a Camp Meeting, took charge in a gracious way and filled his position with dignity.

We were honored to have Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer, with us. As he drew from his rich ministerial experience he blessed the congregation with his messages. He delivered the mission sermon on Sunday morning. God took his message and warmed the hearts and brought the congregation to tears. God moved on the people with a spirit to give. This was a great service.

We did appreciate so much our visit.  
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## OUR GUESTS



This is Rev. W. H. Godwin, pastor of the Church of God at Cantwell, Mo., shown with his radio staff in the studios of KREI, Farmington, Mo. From right to left, Brother Godwin, Mrs. Thomas Manning, Mrs. Doyle Elders, and Mrs. W. H. Godwin. This trio is heard each Sunday morning from 8:00 to 8:30, with Brother Godwin.



# UP FROM BANKRUPTCY

R. G. LE TOURNEAU

He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.—Psalm 40:2, 3.

Job said: "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee." What we need is to see God. It is too bad that we wait many times until trouble swoops down upon us before looking up to God. As I look back upon my life, at the times of stress, God has always been there and I have seen Him and seen His hand work in a marvelous way. I should like to tell you about four times in my life when I really saw God.

## UP FROM MORAL BANKRUPTCY

At the age of sixteen I found myself on the verge of moral bankruptcy. I had been brought up in a Christian home and I knew the way of salvation, but the devil was fast getting the upper hand. Just to show you the direction in which I was headed, my chum, with whom I ran continuously, landed in gaol shortly after God saved me and snatched me as a brand from the burning. But I became very troubled about my soul and I knew hell would be worse for one who had had the light as I had seen it. One night I responded to the appeal of the evangelist. He said to me, "If your father promised to do a certain thing for you, would you believe him?" And I said, "I certainly would." He said, "Then why don't you believe God?" I couldn't seem to grasp it.

I went home and went to bed, but had slept only a few minutes when I awoke with the thought on my mind, "I am still on my way to hell! I must do something!" And right then and there I said, "I will believe God. I can't afford to take the chance of going away any farther without Him." Realizing that the Saviour was mine because I had trusted Him, immediately the joy of salvation burst in upon my soul and I jumped out of bed and ran to tell my mother, thinking that perhaps she might be still awake praying for her wayward boy. And that night, although I had heard about the Saviour all my life, I saw Him and others saw the change in me.

## UP FROM SPIRITUAL BANKRUPTCY

I went on for another sixteen years or so, living as many Christians do. I knew I was saved and on my way to heaven. I was trying to serve the Lord, but was making a very poor job of it. I wasn't exactly what you would call a backslider, but I came to realize that my life was not counting for Jesus. I was on the verge of spiritual bankruptcy.

My younger sister used to say to me, "Bobby, don't you love Jesus?" and I realized that she had a love in her heart for her Saviour, a passion, that

I did not have. Her love was strong enough to take her out to the Indians in Arizona to tell them about her Saviour, and then to China.

I knew that I ought to be witnessing for my Lord, as He had done so much for me. I tried to speak for my Saviour, but I seemed unable to do it. The man working alongside of me in the shop would take the name of my Lord in vain, and I would say nothing. I said to myself, "If someone made fun of my mother or my sister I would not stand for it, and yet I am allowing the name of my Lord and Saviour who died for me on Calvary to be taken in vain and I make no protest."

One night I went to the altar again. I said, "Lord, I need victory. I know the love that ought to be in my heart is not there. If you will give me the backbone that I need and fill me with your Spirit so that I can witness for you, I'll do whatever you ask me from this day on." And my Saviour took me at my word. Once again He heard my prayer and I saw Him face to face. I rose from my knees feeling that God had heard and answered. You may call that experience by any name you wish, but I say God heard me and answered my prayer.

It was so real to me that I went to the pastor the next morning and I said: "Brother, do you think I should go as a missionary?" For I had two sisters in China at the time and our people believed in missions—believed in getting the gospel out to those who have never heard. I said, "I suppose I am too old, but I promised God last night I would do what He wanted me to do, and I want to make good that promise."

My pastor said, "Let's pray about it." After we had prayed he said, "You know, God needs businessmen, too," and I replied, "All right, I'll try to be God's businessman." I have been trying to carry out this commission ever since, and I find it a glorious life to live. I believe if every businessman could realize what an opportunity he has to serve God in business, things would be different, because I believe God has a place for every one of us, whether it be serving Him in business, in the workshop, in the home, behind the sacred desk, or on the foreign field; and we will be happiest if we find that place. How things did begin to go in the business after I made it God's!

## UP FROM FINANCIAL BANKRUPTCY

I sought to honor the Lord with my substance in a new way and I found that I could not beat Him at giving. I proved the fact: "God will not be any man's debtor." Everything went fine for several years, until one year I failed Him again. It was not a case of backsliding, but I got off on the wrong track. I said, "It will take all my finances to handle the programme I have set this year, and next year I'll

have a lot of money for the Lord." I was wrong, because God wants the firstfruits. It doesn't take much faith to count up what's left and give God a portion of it. God expects us to let Him have the firstfruits and trust Him that the harvest will be sufficient to meet the needs, for without faith, we are told, it is impossible to please Him.

You can guess the result. At the end of that year (and by the way, it was right at the beginning of the depression) I found myself with several hundred thousand dollars of debt to pay and no way to get the money! Many firms which were in better shape than mine went down, never to rise again. But as I struggled along, not knowing from one day to the next whether the sheriff was going to put the lock on the door or not, on the verge of financial bankruptcy, once more I met God face to face. I said, "Lord, how can I pledge for missions now, when it is all gone and no chance to get the money to pay it?" But the still small Voice said, "Better make the old pledge again and trust me."

We were running a small factory and the pay roll was about five weeks behind. I made a little deal with God that whenever I was able to meet the pay roll I would save out His part. Strange as it may seem under such circumstances, within a few weeks the pay roll was coming through on time. What a wonderful God we have! Why don't we believe Him more?

## UP FROM PHYSICAL BANKRUPTCY

I have been very much interested in the Book of Job these past few months. I don't know whether the devil got to saying things about me as he did about Job or not, but I do know I found myself once more in desperate circumstances, this time on the verge of physical bankruptcy.

We were traveling on the highway in Tennessee, on the way to a service to give my testimony. I had a marvelous male quartet with me, and my wife—six of us in the car. But a head-on collision occurred which killed outright five of the nine occupants of the two cars, three in the other car.

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## GOD RUNS MY BUSINESS

By Albert W. Lorimer

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members from chewing gum, but it certainly did make a great deterring impression upon them.

Another thing about this chewing gum in church that is so terrible is that it results in gum being thrown on the floor and stuck under the seats until it actually desecrates God's house. It is almost inconceivable that a grown person would throw gum on the floor or stick it under a bench, but they do, and I dare say there are very few churches in the entire Church of God but what there could be some gum found under the seats or on the floor. I was so embarrassed because of gum on the floor and under the seats of one church I pastored that I decided we would give the building a general renovation. So, the first thing was to scrape up the gum. I took a pan that held, I presume, about three quarts, and when we were through getting the gum up, we had near a quart. Of course, I kept the gum and showed it to the members, and I think the display had a deterring effect on the gum chewers. I am not saying it is a sin to chew gum, but I do think it is an act of misbehaviour to chew gum in church.

Let me conclude with two more things I think come under the heading of misbehaviour in God's house. Did you know there are those who are so unthoughtful or

downright mean that they actually carve on the pews or furniture in God's house? That is not only disrespectful, but it is damaging property that has been dedicated to God. It is mean and ornery to do such things, and any pastor is really under obligation to make such a person replace the furniture.

Last, I have found song books with even vulgar writing in them, and others where youngsters had carried on courtship during the services, by using the song titles as fillers to their notes. Call me hardboiled if you want to, but upon finding that the song books were being treated in this fashion at one church, I made it my business to run the culprits down and saw to it that the price of the books was paid. All these things come under the supervision of the pastor, and he is responsible to God and His church for any and all misbehaviour in His church. You remember Paul stated, in 1 Tim. 3:15, "If I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." This was especially to the pastors and those who had the oversight of the churches. Therefore, the pastor is not only under obligation to see that his own family conducts itself properly, but that everyone conducts himself properly in the church. Misbehaviour should never be tolerated in God's house.

### REPORT FROM HAITI

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creased the church's membership.

In addition to the spiritual progress at Poste Marchande, over \$100.00 was raised in cash and one month's pledges toward an estimated \$1,500.00 improvement project on the church building. Forty of the members have pledged \$1.00 a month on this project until it is completed. This \$1.00 represents at least 1/4 the monthly salary of many of them. We are glad to see the same spirit of sacrifice working in Haiti that has caused the growth of the great Church of God in the nomeland.

Your missionaries in Haiti,  
Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Walker, Jr.  
Miss Odine Morse

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know the Lord will help a preacher to build a house to live in and also to preach in if he is a willing worker.

I think a vacation and a rest is good for a minister after he has done something to rest for. I am informed that a small percentage of our ministers have built a large percentage of the churches and parsonages the Church of God owns. Now I think if all our ministers were builders, we would have many more churches and parsonages.

Are you preaching in some church that another preacher built? Do you think to invite him back into the house he built? Are you living in a parsonage that some other minister sacrificed to build? Do you ever feel grateful for this opportunity?

I desire the prayers of the ministers of the Church of God that I will soon be able to get back in the work of the Lord or that I will get to go to my reward. I know today I am ready to go if my work is finished. Nine of my ten children are members of the Church of God. The tenth child (six

years old) was recently saved. Most of my in-laws are Christians and members of the Church of God. So I have something to be glad about. I don't feel that my life has been wasted. I haven't had a vacation in the thirty-three years I have been preaching.

May God bless each one who reads this. A card or letter would be appreciated. It would encourage my heart.—C. H. Deans, 317 5th St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

### KENTUCKY STATE CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION

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iting ministers from Missouri. We had Brother Milligan, Brother Godwin and Brother Moore. Then from Illinois, Brother Cox and Brother Milligan, who preached inspirational messages. We were also pleased to have the Rev. John C. Jernigan, President of Lee College. Rev. Jernigan stated with emphasis that Lee College will be nothing but a Church of God College. Sister J. H. Walker, and her daughter Grace were also with us for the last service.

Another happy event was the visit of the Church of God Orphanage Band from Sevierville, Tennessee. The Rev. Wm. F. Dych, Superintendent, was in charge.

We thank God, Jesus and the Holy Ghost for all of the spiritual blessings that were given to us.—Manuel F. Campbell.

—From State Paper

### UP FROM BANKRUPTCY

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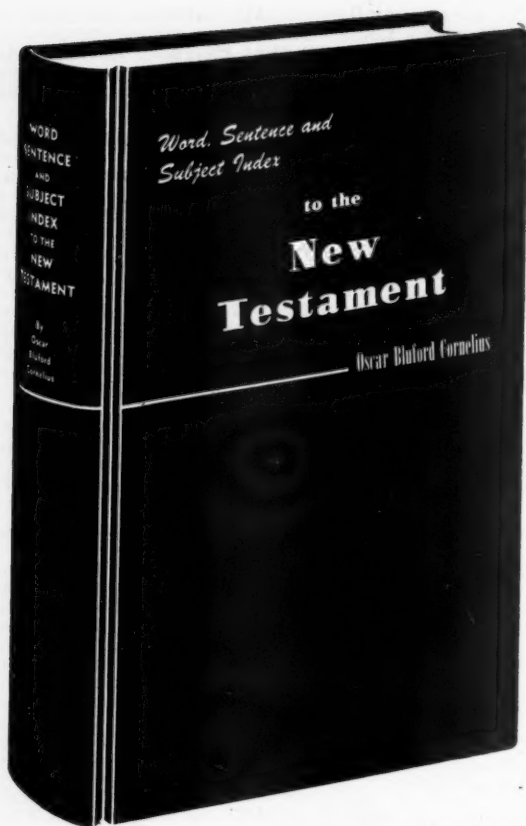
and two of the quartet in ours. There was no excuse for the accident. It happened in the middle of the day on a good road, no turns and no

traffic. We had a good driver, and when I say good driver I speak from experience on the race track and all. But the man in the other car, driving a Chevrolet at a furious rate of speed, turned around to talk to the folks in the back seat and swung over on to our side of the road. Our driver took to the shoulder to the right, intending to give him the road and let him pass, but he shot clear over to our shoulder and there was a head-on collision.

One member of our party was practically unhurt, the only one of nine. He dragged me out of the wreckage first—one foot crushed, leg broken, both hips out of joint, pelvic bone fractured, a piece of bone broken off the side of the hip socket, and chest crushed. One would not believe it possible but, strange as it may seem, I did not lose consciousness. Then he laid my wife unconscious, on my right-hand side. She was bruised and cut from head to foot. He laid the other member of our party—with broken arm and collarbone—unconscious, on the other side.

I looked up to heaven and said, "Lord, this could not have happened if you had not permitted it, because I know 'all things work together for good to them that love God,'" and I said, "Lord, it's all right with me. Though I may not understand, I have confidence enough to know that it will be all right." God was so near that I wasn't anxious or worried, and simply began to give orders to Bill to do his best to see that the six children would go through for God if my wife and I went to be with Jesus. Then the thought came across my mind, "Why should I complain? My Lord suffered more than this for me." His presence was so very real that, once again, I could say with Job, "Lord, I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eyes seeth Thee."

Today I stand as a living witness that the Lord Jesus Christ, who intercedes for me at the right hand of God, is sufficient for body, soul and spirit—and finances, too!



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